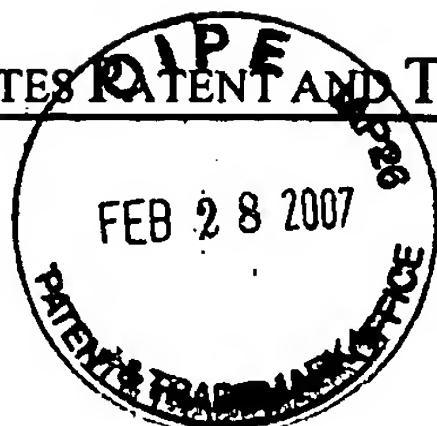




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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 June 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 22 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 22 allowable because the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious providing a coating to an outside surface of the first section opposite the reflective surface in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim s 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ibsen et al. (US 2003/0067645; such rejection is also applicable to the same teachings by Ibsen in US 7085492 B2—filing date 8/27/01).

Regarding claims 17 and 21, Ibsen teaches a method of forming a demultiplexer device (shown in at least fig. 35), comprising:

injection molding a part having a first section, a second section, and a third section (shown in at least fig. 35 and 25-26 and parag. 0153),

wherein a diffraction grating is formed in the first section 3510 (see grating 2522 formed on section 1 3510; see 0158),

the module is formed so that the third section (see 3502) is positioned to receive light from the diffraction grating (see grating 214 of section 3510), and the second section (see item flexible support/connector 3529; see parag. 0160) is formed to support the third section relative to the first section (see support 3529 as 2nd section supporting 3rd section 3502 relative to the 1st section 3510).

Ibsen further teaches wherein injection molding includes focusing lens in the third section (wherein see fig. 21 25-26 and 35

However, in above embodiment Ibsen does not specifically teach wherein the above device is a module and *forming a support* around the above lens (see at least fig. 21, item lens 2120 in 3rd section). Nevertheless, in another embodiment Ibsen teaching include forming a support around a lens in the first section (see fig. 26, item 25606, also fig. 25, item 298; see 0158). Thought it can be argued that the lens 2120 can not be in a suspending position in the air and it inherently has a support around itself to

maintain focusing, but also it would have been obvious for the person of ordinary skill in the art when the invention was made to form support around the lens in the third section as it has been shown by Ibsen such support in around the lens in the first section and also it is obvious/well known to those of ordinary skill in the art when the invention was made that a device is/known- as a module, since such module would provide dynamic control of individual channels for add/dropping of specific signals as well as for gain flattening filter (see 0007).

Regarding claims 18-20 Ibsen further teaches wherein injection molding includes forming a collimating lens in the first section (see 0158); wherein injection molding includes forming a reflective surface in the first section (see item reflector 216 of 1st section 3510); wherein injection molding includes forming a focusing lens in the third section (see fig. 21, item 2120 with receiver 2130 being in the 3rd section).

Citation of Relevant Prior Art

Prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. In accordance with MPEP 707.05 the following references are pertinent in rejection of this application since they provide substantially the same information disclosure as this patent does. These references are:

Rose et al. 2002/0154855 and 6978062

Christophersen et al. 6892002

Teichmann 6081331

These references are cited herein to show the relevance of the apparatus/methods taught within these references as prior art.

Contact Information


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kianni C. Kaveh whose telephone number is 571-272-2417. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-19:00.

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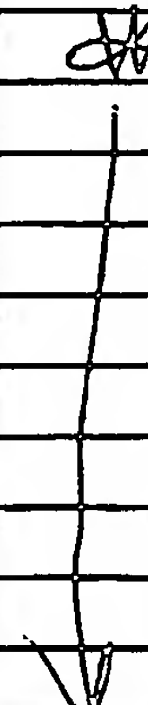
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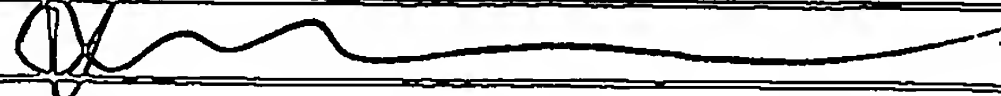
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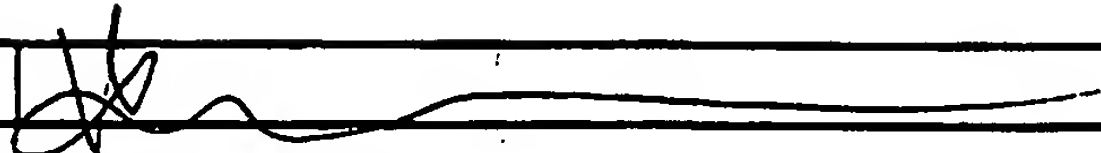
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